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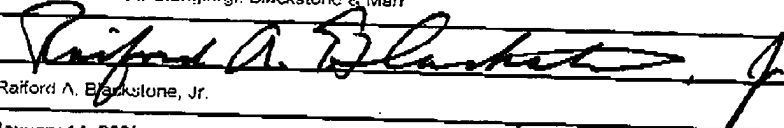
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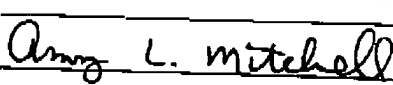
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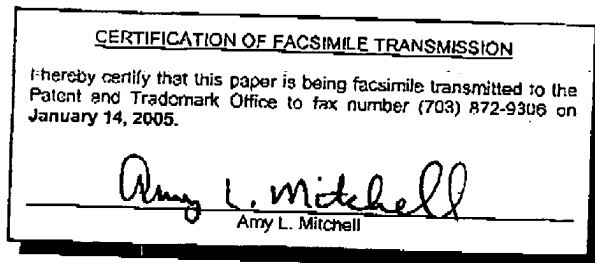
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JAN 14 2005RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 14, 2004 including a Restriction Requirement and having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 14, 2005, Applicant elects Group II, claims 3 and 4, drawn to a direct current power supply with traverse.

The claims of Group I relate to a method for powering on and off a laundry washing machine. The claims of Group II relate to a direct current power supply for a washing appliance. The claims of Group I are closely related to the claims of Group II and are directed toward the same invention.

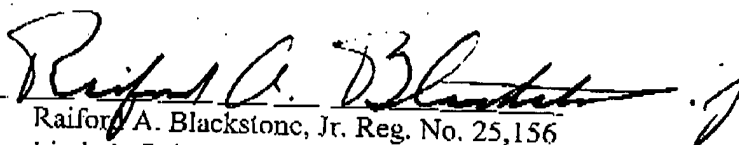
As recognized in *Ex parte Dryssen*, although method claims usually differ somewhat in scope from apparatus claims or at least they set forth the invention in different terms, it is a common practice of the Patent Office to allow method claims in the same application as the apparatus claims so long as the claims relate to the same subject matter of invention. 4 USPQ 338, 339 (Bd. Pat. App. 1930). Furthermore, as recognized in *Ex parte Pratt*, restriction is not required simply because the different claim sets have acquired separate status in the art. 46 USPQ 560, 561 (Bd. Pat. App. 1940). Finally, the Patent Office has held that the classification of patents and inventions is not for the purpose of establishing restriction requirements but for the purpose of searching. *Id.*

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that the requirement be withdrawn and all of the claims be examined.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Response to Restriction Requirement, the Examiner is invited to contact one of the undersigned attorneys at (312) 704-1890.

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